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Morton Grove Public Library

All Aboard the MGPL Express!

Summer reading programs are for everyone! This year, the program has been designed to include participation in special events and activities with the Morton Grove Park District, as well as reading and reporting on books and using the many library services. Designated activities will be counted as points toward prizes and eligibility for drawings at the end of the program. Registration and program information will be available at the Reader's Service Desk and the Children's Department in late May. The program runs from June 19 to August 28th. Special events

- *Tales of the Rails on Sat., June 19 at 2 pm (see page 3 for details)*
- *Illustrated History of Trains presentation by Greg Stout, Sat., July 10 at 2 pm (see below)*
- *The Yo-Yo Man on Sat., Aug. 28 at 2 pm (details on page 3)*

The Music of Fats Waller

Rufus Hill, a noted composer, pianist, musical director and instructor, will present a lecture on the music of Fats Waller, on **Saturday, June 5th, at 2 pm.** Hill has received numerous awards and honors including the Jefferson Award for Best Musical Direction. His distinguished music direction credits include "Five Guys Named Mo," "A, My Name is Alice," "Dreamgirls," and, of course, "Ain't Misbehavin'" a musical tribute to Fats Waller. The presentation will be about 90 minutes in length. Refreshments catered by Gapers will be served by the Ravinia Women's Board following the lecture. *Door prizes* will include lawn passes and pavilion tickets to the Fats Waller concert at Ravinia scheduled for June 13. *Reservations* for the lecture are necessary; stop by the Reader's Service Desk or call 965-4220 beginning May 17. This lecture is sponsored by the North Suburban Library System in partnership with Ravinia.

In Honor of Mother's Day:

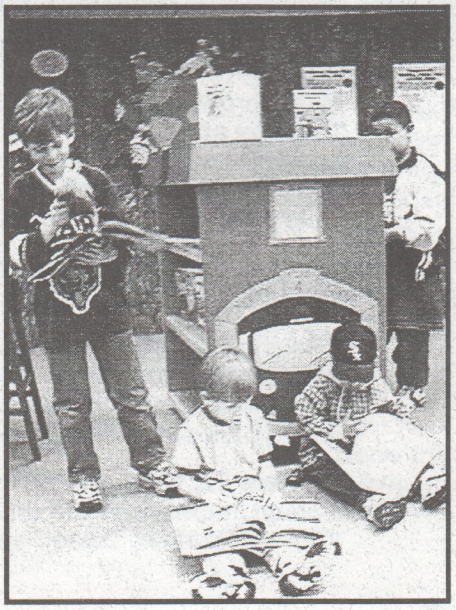
Saturday, May 8, at 2 pm, in the Baxter Room, author Nina Barrett will discuss her three books. Her most recent book is *The Girls: A True Story of Lifelong Friendship;* previous publications were *The Playgroup: Three Women Contend With the Myths of Motherhood,* and *I Wish Someone Had Told Me: Comfort, Support, and Advice From More Than 60 Real Life Moms.* While moms are enjoying the booktalk, children can make Mother's Day cards in the Children's Department. The winners of the Mother's Day writing contest sponsored by the Children's Department will be announced at the booktalk.

Trinity Bell Choir (and more) Concert

There will be something for every musical taste at the Trinity Bell Choir's concert **Sunday, May 2 at 2 pm.** Bring the family to hear the bells, piano, accordion, and vocalists perform classical music by Bach, folk songs, and contemporary tunes.

Firemen's Association and Fire Department Donate Bookcase

The Children's Department now has its own fire station...fire station bookcase, that is! Coordinated by Bill Porter, the Morton Grove Fire Department's Fire Inspector and Public Educator, and built by MG Firefighter/Paramedic Rod Steffens, the bookcase is designed to look like Fire Station Number 4 and is stocked with fire safety books donated by the Fire Department and Firemen's Association. Pictured are: (left to right) Patrick and Sam Conrad, Eric Rodriguez and Adrian Caldero.



History of Trains

Train buffs take note! **On July 10 at 2 pm, Greg Stout,** author of *Route of the Eagles: Missouri Pacific in the Streamlined Era* and *Route of the Rockets:* *...continued on page 4*

The Library will be closed Sundays beginning May 30, and will be closed Memorial Day (May 31), and Monday, July 5th for the Fourth of July holiday.

MGPL Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5
Sun. 1 - 5, through 5/23

Mark your calendar!

Calendar Summary

Every Tuesday at 11:30 Lunchtime Videos

May

5/2	Su	2:00	Trinity Bell Choir Concert
5/8	Sa	2:00	Nina Barrett Booktalk and Mother's Day Card Making
5/10	Mo	11:00 2:30, 7:00	Feature Film: *October Sky* PG/108 minutes
5/13	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
5/15	Sa	1:00	Basic Internet: registration required
5/18 & 19	Tu We	3:45 3:45	Babysitting Basics: registration required
5/25	Tu	7:30	Thinking Out Loud: Book Discussion Group

June

6/3	Th	7:00	Library Computer Catalog Class: registration required
6/5	Sa	9:00	Drop-in Computer Catalog Training
6/5	Sa	2:00	The Music of Fats Waller Lecture by Rufus Hill: reservations required
6/10	Th	7:00	E-mail: registration required
6/10	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
6/14	Mo	11:00 2:30, 7:00	Feature Film: *Shakespeare in Love;* R/ 120 minutes
6/19	Sa	2:00	*Tales of the Rails* Registration for Summer Reading Program
6/22	Tu	7:30	Thinking Out Loud: Book Discussion Group

July

7/3	Sa	9:00	Computer Catalog Drop-in session
7/10	Sa	2:00	History of Trains
7/12	Mo	11:00 2:30, 7:00	Feature Film *To be announced*

August

8/7	Sa	9:00	Computer Catalog Drop-in Session
8/14	Sa	2:00	Yo-Yo Man
8/16	Mo	11:00 2:30, 7:00	Feature Film *To be announced*
8/28	Sa	End of Summer Reading Program	

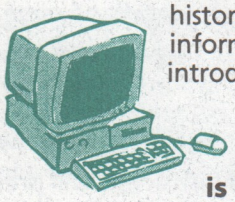
Check our complete calendar on the Web at http://www.webrary.org/inside/calcurr.html

Programs

Computer Classes at the Library

Registration for some of the following computer training programs is limited. Priority is given to Morton Grove residents. To register, call 965-4220 or sign-up at the Reader's Service Desk. Please have your Library card number when you call to register.

Basic Internet: Lecture and Demonstration



On **Sat., May 15 at 1 pm,** the presentation will cover a brief history of the Internet, basic terminology, and the scope of information available on the Internet. Those who attend this introductory lecture and demonstration will be eligible to register for an individual, hands-on tutoring session covering basic Internet navigational skills to be scheduled later in May. **Registration for the lecture begins May 3 and is limited to 50 residents of Morton Grove.**

How to Use the Library Catalog System

If you want to look for library materials by author, subject, or title, there are now two ways to search. Learn how to use the text-based version and the new Windows version. Two types of classes are offered: (1) **Lecture and demonstration Thursday, June 3 at 7 pm in the Baxter Room.** Registration is required; stop by the Reader's Service Desk or call 965-4220 starting May 24.

(2) **Drop-in sessions July 3 and August 7 from 9 until 9:30 am** will be held to give hands-on assistance. No registration is necessary.

Electronic Mail

Due to popular demand, this class is being repeated on **June 10 at 7 pm.** Join us in this exploration of setting up an e-mail account, the basics of sending and receiving e-mail, and how to send attachment files **Registration begins May 25 and is limited to 100 for this introductory level course.**

Lunchtime Videos

Pack a brown-bag lunch and head to the Library every **Tuesday at 11:30 am** for Lunch Time Videos. Travel to faraway places, listen to thought-provoking discussions or meet historical figures during this $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour video program. Coffee, ice water, and sweet treats are provided.

Book Discussion Group

Thinking Out Loud, the Library's book discussion group, meets **May 25 at 7:30 pm in the Board Room** to discuss *American Pastoral* by Philip Roth. Copies of the book are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Reader's Service Desk.

On **June 22,** the group will discuss *Great Books: My Adventures with Homer, Rousseau, Woolf and Other Indestructible Writers of the Western World* by David Denby. The discussion starts at 7:30 pm.

Kids Programs

Calling All Artists!

Entries will be accepted through June 1st for the Library's 26th Annual Children's Art Contest. Morton Grove residents, pre-school through 6th grade, may submit original artwork (any medium) on unlined paper. Winning entries will be exhibited in the east stairwell until June, 2000. Additional information is available in the Children's Room.

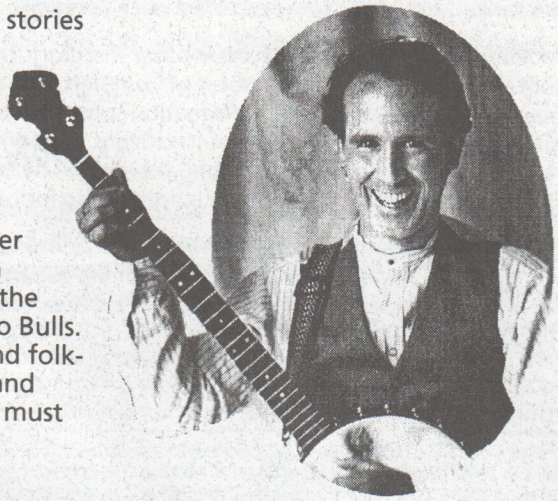
Reminder: **Entries for the "My Mother" Writing Contest are due by May 1st.**

Animal Show Photography Exhibit in Children's Dept.

Pet photographer Debbie Greenberg's photos of the stars of Bob Hoffmann's Animal Show will be on display in the Children's Room April 16 to May 11.

Tales of the Rails

Come join the fun with music, stories and more by Dan LeMonnier of Folksongs and Foolery Entertainment, as the Library kicks off the Summer Reading Program, **Saturday, June 19th at 2 pm.**



Dan is a singer, actor, storyteller and writer and is also the man behind the costume of Benny the Bull, the mascot of the Chicago Bulls. *Tales of the Rails* are stories and folksongs about trains, railroads, and stations. Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Children's Classes

Spring session begins the week of June 21, 1999. Enrollment is limited. Open enrollment begins June 7th for Morton Grove residents and June 14th for non-residents. Phone registrations will be taken after 9:30am. Classes end August 13.

Library Playtime for 2 1/2-Year-Olds & Parents
Thursday 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Pre-School Storytime
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff
Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00 pm
Class limit – 12

Arts & Crafts
Grades 1-3 Mon. 4 pm
Grades 4-6 Fri. 4 pm
Class limit – 15

Creative Writing
Please choose one of the following:
Grades 2-6
Wed. or Thurs. 4 pm
Class limit - 40

Drop-in Storytime
Tuesdays at 1:30. No registration.

Bring Your Yo-Yo to the Library!

Saturday, August 28th at 2 pm, Barry North, Duncan Yo-Yo Champion, will perform in the Baxter Room. Bring your yo-yo so you can try out some of the moves and tricks with Barry's expert advice. Learn how to "rock the baby," "walk the dog," and "dog bite." **This program will be part of the final celebration for the Summer Reading Program. A raffle for prizes will also be held.**

Babysitting Basics Spring Course

Due to the popularity of the Babysitting Basics Class, a special spring course has been scheduled for **students age 12 and up May 18 and 19 from 3:45 to 5 pm.**

Be prepared for summer babysitting jobs and learn how to tailor activities for summer conditions. Learn the hazards of sun and heat, how to prevent accidents, and what to do in an emergency. Bill Porter, Public Educator for the Morton Grove Fire Department, and a police officer will be the instructors.

Class size is limited to 15 participants and priority will be given to Morton Grove residents. Sign up at the Reader's Service desk or call 965-4220 to register starting May 3. Registrants will be asked for their Library card number and phone number.

Films

October Sky

PG /108 minutes, Monday, May 10 at 11:00 am, 2:30 pm, and 7:00 pm.
Based on the real-life story of NASA engineer Homer Hickam, this film tells the story of four boys living in a West Virginia mining town in the 1950s who want to build a winning rocket for the National Science Fair.

Shakespeare in Love

R/ 120 minutes, Monday, June 14 at 11:00 am, 2:30 pm, and 7:00 pm
The romance of the intense, young Shakespeare becomes the catalyst for *Romeo and Juliet*. The film makes Shakespeare's theater "come alive" with its high and low comedy, love story, intrigue, and contemporary view of history. Winner of 7 Oscars.

Trains *continued from page 1*

Rock Island in the Streamlined Era, presents the history of trains. Remember the excitement when the big engines rolled through town? What a thrill to sleep in a berth, move from car to car, and enjoy a meal in the dining car! Learn about the special sets of china, the decor of passenger cars, the designs, and colors of engines, their names and destinations.

Summer Reading Suggestions

The Spring Cleaning Murders by Dorothy Cannell

Last Call: Selections from the Best of "Down to Cases" by the late, local author, Tom Casey

When the Wind Blows by Zachary Alan Fox

The Deep End of the Ocean by Jacquelyn Mitchard

A Sight for Sore Eyes by Ruth Rendell

Windy Brushes Artwork on Display in June

Be sure to see the beautiful decorative painting by Windy Brushes Art Guild on display in the Lincoln Avenue entryway during the month of June.

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Reference Round-up

Thinking about moving to a new neighborhood or to a new city? The Library has reference books to help evaluate all aspects of living in communities around the country.

If you are planning a move within the metro area, *Living in Greater Chicago: The Buyers and Renters Guide* will provide valuable information about each of Chicago's 103 city neighborhoods and 269 suburbs. Profiles for each community include housing types and prices, typical rentals, school scores, main transportation routes, and travel times to airports and the Loop. A new edition each spring ensures current data.

Places Rated Almanac: Your Guide to Finding the Best Places to Live in North America compares 351 metropolitan areas for quality of life issues: cost of living, job outlook, education, health care, crime, fine arts, climate, and recreation. Areas are ranked from best to worst under each category.

Moving and Relocation Sourcebook and Directory profiles 100 U.S. cities with contact information for Chambers of Commerce, government offices, libraries, major employers, and other information sources. A brief history of each city is given along with a description of its citizens, economy, climate, transportation facilities, local attractions, and annual events. A handy listing of national moving companies and state realtor associations is also included.

If you are considering a suburban area, *The Comparative Guide to American Suburbs* will give you pertinent information on all the suburbs of the 50 largest U.S. metro areas. Data and rankings within each metro area are given for each suburb's economy, safety, housing, and education.

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